

# NEWSLETTER



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# Short Stories that Speak Volumes for Our Lives



## Facing Final Judgment

*Jesus said, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left" (Matthew 25:31-33).*

No one likes to be called a goat. It usually means that someone has made a mistake costing his team a game or his company lots of money. Feeling like a goat is an uncomfortable situation.

Yet that's exactly where many people will find themselves on the Last Day—among the goats. This is what Jesus taught in a short story that speaks volumes for our lives. He described what will take place in the final judgment at the end of the world.

What is the meaning of Jesus' story? Let me illustrate. When I was a child, my family owned a pygmy goat. It was my brother's pet. He was a cute little guy complete with six-inch horns. He certainly showed the usual and expected characteristics of goats in that he was often stubborn, sometimes almost arrogant, and enjoyed being alone. I think it made him feel like the king of the farmyard.

Sheep, on the other hand, enjoy being together in flocks, and they listen and follow when the farmer calls them. Gathered together in the flock, sheep find safety from the dangers that threaten them. They enjoy the peace of

grazing in the meadow. If a sheep happens to wander from the flock, the farmer must go after it.

Jesus uses the distinction of sheep and goats as a picture of those who will join him in heaven for all eternity and those who will not. The picture is stark. Goats, those who turn away from the voice of the farmer stubbornly, follow their own will and desires, and whose pursuits are set on worldly things, have no part in the peace of heaven.

Sheep, those who love the peace and safety the shepherd provides, will enjoy that peace and safety forever. That's a peace and safety found not in the absence of hardships in this life. It's a peace and safety found not in the desires of wealth. It is a peace and safety that comes from the knowledge and acceptance of sins forgiven through Jesus' own blood.

Trusting our Good Shepherd, Jesus, we have no fear of facing the final judgment. We are corralled by his love and rest safely in his arms. Wonderfully, he leads us to life with God forever.



St. John's & Emmanuel Worship Schedule September  
 Saturdays : St. John's 4:30pm (NO Saturday Worship 9/7/24)  
 Sundays: Emmanuel 8:00am; St. John's 10:00am  
 Holy Communion Offered: 9/8 (Emmanuel only), 9/21, 9/22  
 Emmanuel Bible Studies: Sundays 9:00am (Beginning 9/15)  
 St. John's Bible Studies:  
 Mondays 7:30pm (Beginning 9/9); Wednesdays 10:30am Beginning 9/11) ;  
 Sundays 8:45am (Beginning 9/15)  
 Sunday School at St. John's: Sundays 8:30am (Beginning 9/15)

Aug. 30/Sept. 1

Labor Day  
 Labor For the Lord  
 Pastor Zietlow's Sermon: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:18-26 "There is Meaning in Life"

Communion  
 Sunday at  
 Emmanuel  
 ONLY

Sept. 7-8

NO WORSHIP SATURDAY 9/7  
 Saturday 9/7: Concert on the Ball Diamond at St. John's 6:00 pm  
 Sunday 8:00 a.m. at Emmanuel with Communion  
 Sunday Worship at the Montello City Park with Pot Luck and Bags Tournament  
 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
 The Need For Followership:  
 Followers of Christ See the True Purpose of His Power  
 Pastor Zietlow's Sermon:

Sept. 14 & 15

A God-Lived Life: A Life of Being a Disciple  
 Pastor Zietlow's Sermon: 1 Peter 1:22-2:3  
 "A God-Lived Life is One That Craves the Word."

Communion

Sept. 21 & 22

A God-Lived Life: A Life Lived for Others

Sept. 28 & 29

Mission Festival  
 Guest Preacher: Pastor Doug Tomhave from St. Paul, Lake Mills, WI

Those who are members of Emmanuel, St. John's, another WELS church, or a church in full doctrinal agreement with the WELS, are invited to attend. Others are politely asked to refrain until communion fellowship is established. There are two Scriptural reasons we distribute the Lord's Supper this way. 1.) Receiving the Lord's Supper improperly results in harm, not blessing, to the recipient. (1 Cor. 11:27) Like a prescription it must be administered with care. 2.) Recipients of the Supper publicly proclaim their unity in the faith. (1Cor. 10:17) Members of other denominations have, by joining those church bodies, publicly declared their allegiance to the teaching of those churches. By also communing here at this altar it would send a confusing message regarding not only what the believe, but also what the Bible teaches and what this church and its members believe and confess. We'd love to speak to you about this more fully so that all are prepared and speak with one voice as we proclaim Christ to the world. For more information, and especially if you are interested in becoming a communicant member of this congregation, please speak to Pastor Zietlow.

Sunday School, CALA &  
 Little Lambs  
 Singing Schedule

Sunday, Sept. 29: Little Lambs and CALA K-8 at St. John's MONTELLO

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 EM-8AM/SJ-10AM	2 LABOR DAY NO SCHOOL	3 6PM CALA MTG SJ	4	5 12:00PM-LA MTG SJ	6	7 NO 4:30PM SJ WORSHIP CONCERT ON THE BALL DIAMOND SJ 6PM
8 COMMUNION 8AM EM-8AM WORSHIP AT CITY PARK 10AM WITH POTLUCK AND BAGS TOURNAMENT TO FOLLOW	9 2:30PM HIP SJ 6:30PM CHOIR SJ 7:30PM ABS SJ	10 9AM Elders MTG SJ	11 9:45AM R DEVOTION 10:00AM MCC DEVOTION 10:30AM ABS SJ 5:00PM PSC SJ	12 6PM GRIEFSHARE SJ	13	14 4:30PM WORSHIP SJ
15 EM-8AM/SJ-10AM SS: SJ 8:30AM ABS: EM-9AM SJ 8:45AM	16 6:30PM CHOIR SJ 7:30PM ABS SJ	17 6:30PM Joint Council MTG E 7:30PM SJ Council MTG	18 10:30AM ABS SJ 5:00PM PSC SJ	19 6PM GRIEFSHARE SJ	20	21 COMMUNION 21 8AM MEN'S BREAKFAST SJ 11AM VICKI DAVIS MEMORIAL SJ 4:30PM WORSHIP SJ
22 COMMUNION 22 EM-8AM/SJ-10AM SS: SJ 8:30AM ABS: EM-9AM SJ 8:45AM	23 6:30PM CHOIR SJ 7:30PM ABS SJ	24	25 9:45AM R DEVOTION 10:00AM MCC DEVOTION 10:30AM ABS SJ 5:00PM PSC SJ	26 6PM GRIEFSHARE SJ	27	28 4:30PM WORSHIP SJ
29 MISSION FESTIVAL 29 EM-8AM/SJ-10AM SS: SJ 8:30AM ABS: EM-9AM SJ 8:45AM	30 6:30PM CHOIR SJ 7:30PM ABS SJ	ABS=ADULT BIBLE STUDY LA=LADIES AID HIP=HANDS IN PRAYER P=PRINCETON	SJ=ST. JOHNS EM=EMMANUEL MTG=MEETING SS=SUNDAY SCHOOL PSC=PUBLIC SCHOOL CATECHISM	BoE=BOARD OF EDUCATION R=THE RESIDENCES MCC=MONTELLO CARE CENTER		



# Gemeinde Geschichte (Congregation History)

## Pastor #4 was Oswald Theobald

The year 1911 was not especially all that noteworthy. William Howard Taft was midway through a relatively uneventful term as the 27<sup>th</sup> president. In May an ill-fated ocean liner named Titanic was launched in Belfast, Ireland. There was revolution south of the border in Mexico. The 1<sup>st</sup> Indy 500 was in the books recording a mind-numbing average speed of almost 75 mph and the # 1 tune on the music charts was "Come Josephine in My Flying Machine." Closer to home, a 772-gram meteorite crashed through a barn roof near Kilbourn, WI. (It wouldn't be called Wisconsin Dells until 1931.) Even closer to home, on the courthouse hill overlooking Buffalo and Montello Lakes, the iconic Montello granite Richter house was still under construction. With that backdrop, 37-year-old Oswald Theobald began his pastorate in the dual parish of Emmanuel and St. Johns. He was installed on July 23, 1911.

Oswald Theobald was born July 31, 1874, in Tomachow, Poland, about an hour southeast of Lodz. At 14 he made his confirmation promises, and soon was on his way to America. He immediately enrolled at Dr. Martin Luther College in New Ulm, MN and then Northwestern College in Watertown, WI to continue preparations for the pastoral ministry. He completed his training at the Wisconsin Synod seminary, then located in Wauwatosa, WI. He was ordained in 1896 by one of the giants of synod educational history, Dr. Prof. Eugene Notz.

Pastor Theobald was a seasoned pastor by the time he took up residence in the Barstow St. (East Montello St.) parsonage. He cut his ministry teeth in the tri-parish of Winchester, Readfield, and Caledonia, WI. For seven years he served this first call, and as grueling as it was, Mrs. Theobald in 1950 recalled that they "always counted those days as the happiest of our lives, and in later years often recalled them." He then followed a call to Manchester, south on Hwy 73 in Green Lake County, where he served for eight years. In 1911 he accepted our call to be the 4<sup>th</sup> pastor of Emmanuel/St. John's.

The 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary history described Pastor Theobald as "a staunch and aggressive builder of God's Kingdom and well qualified for directing a building project." Good thing. Shortly after his arrival and only twenty-five years after the doors to the original little white church were opened, it was sold for \$200 and demolished to clear the site for the construction of a new 550 seating capacity church, finished in 1914.

Pastor and wife Hedwig Clara brought four children with them to Montello, Elfriede, Walter, Rudolph, and Elsie.

Solid, steady and growing would be a good way to describe the eleven-year Theobald Montello ministry. In 1922, however, he followed his last ministry call to Immanuel of Oshkosh, where labored until failing health forced him to retire in 1932. According to his *Northwestern Lutheran* obituary, home then became Whitefish Bay, WI where three years later, on February 5, 1935, at age 60, he entered glory. His widow followed him 19 years later in 1954. They now rest together in Valhalla Cemetery in Milwaukee.



Pastor and Mrs. Theobald. Else, summer school teacher, a friend,  
Walter, Rudolph, Elfrieda



**It's a brand new St. John's  
Sunday School year!**

Start Date:  
**Sunday, September 15**  
**8:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.**  
We meet in a school  
classroom. Please be  
prompt.

Sunday School Theme  
"Grace Upon Grace"  
1 John 1:16

We will find many ways God showers His grace on us as we . . .

- ✓ follow our Christ Light curriculum learning from some well-known Bible patriarchs,
- ✓ study Jesus' early years and ministry.
- ✓ explore the simplified catechism with lots of special activities.
- ✓ enjoy lots of singing, crafts, painting, games, contests, movies and more.
- ✓ support a new mission project to help other kids.
- ✓ offer the Lord our time, talents, and treasures for service in our church, in our community, and beyond.

**Open Enrollment! No registration necessary.**

**Members & non-members,**

**Public school & day school, all welcome!**

**Starting at Age 3 – Junior High**

***"Let the little children COME!"***





# BE A FRIEND

## *to Missions*

The September Befriend-A-Mission Month observance at St. John's is orchestrated by the women of the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society (LWMS), but the activities are in no way meant only for women active in LWMS, nor for that matter, for only women. The Great Commission to "*go into all the world and make disciples of all nations*" (Matthew 28:19) was and still is God's directive for every Christian, male & female, child & adult. The Great Commission is God's plan for spreading the Gospel throughout the world. But, how many of us lay workers in God's Kingdom will ever hit the road and physically share the Gospel in a home or world mission field? Very few. Yet it is still God's plan for each of us to actively work to spread the Gospel and to fulfill God's calling to us to "*go and make disciples.*"

We are evangelical Christians--we *are* missionaries. We long for every person who can be saved to be saved, and thus to hasten the Lord's promised return to claim His church. So, are we missionaries only in our own family and in our own community? What about the "*go into all the world*" part of God's Commission?

While some of our offerings are given as our CMO (Congregational Mission Offering), there is a very personal way to "be closer to the action" and it's so simple: **Be a friend.** The home and world missionaries of the WELS need all the support they can get to be the most effective for our Lord. **YOU can Be A Friend in three ways: 1) share gifts** (Congregation Mission Offerings &/or donate to LWMS spring & fall mission offerings); **2) share encouragement** (cards, letters, & e-mails that offer God's Word and your own love and caring; and **3) PRAY, PRAY, PRAY!**

***The most important way anyone can Be A Friend to another person is to pray for them.*** But it seems that for many Lutheran Christians knowing exactly what to pray for our missionaries can be hard work. The following article is reprinted from [www.allaboutprayer.org/prayers-for-missionaries](http://www.allaboutprayer.org/prayers-for-missionaries) to help make "hard work" easier!



**What are some prayers for missionaries?** Our prayers for missionaries should always be that they stand in God's armor and that their service as servants of God be not in their own strength but in the grace and strength of the LORD. We can pray for the missionary's protection from evil and that their daily needs be provided. **Here are some specific, practical areas of missionaries' lives to pray for:**



- Solid family relationships. The tasks of full-time ministry, often in a foreign culture, can cause a strain on the relationships within a family -- husbands and wives, parents and children. Pray that the Lord would strengthen these family bonds and draw them close together.
- The well-being of family members from whom they are separated. When missionaries leave their homes to serve God on the mission field, extended family remains behind, and children sometimes leave their parents for schooling. Pray for the health, safety, and encouragement of these family members.
- Strength in the "inner man" ([Ephesians 3:16](#)). Loneliness, discouragement, despair -- these struggles occur in the lives of missionaries, and sometimes frequently. Pray that their hearts are encouraged and strengthened.
- Provision of physical needs. Missionaries depend on others for their financial support, and at times, that can be burdensome. Pray that God would supply their every need ([Philippians 4:19](#)).
- A strong personal walk with God. Pray for daily faithfulness to spend time in God's Word in the midst of ministry busyness. Ask God to protect and strengthen them spiritually and cause them to grow in their relationships with Him.
- Good physical health. In foreign lands, good health care can be hard to find. Pray for physical strength on a daily basis and long-term good health.
- Strong relationships with co-workers. Sadly, personality conflicts and relationship struggles happen among missionaries as they seek to work together to bring people to Christ. Pray for unselfishness, kindness, and humility in these cooperative efforts ([Philippians 2:3-5](#)).
- Ability to speak accurately. Ask God to cause them to speak with clarity and precision as they declare God's Word ([Colossians 4:3-4](#)).
- Opportunities to relax. Servants of God are just like anyone else--they need a break sometimes! Ask God to provide them with recreation and rest.
- Wisdom in all they do. Pray for the wisdom to make good decisions in their personal lives, as well as their ministry lives ([James 1:5](#)).

In short, the model prayer that the LORD Jesus taught the disciples in ([Matthew 6:9-13](#)) is a good guideline for our prayers for missionaries. However, the key is not so much what we pray but that we pray and how we pray. In other words, prayers for missionaries should be a part of our personal worship time. Our prayers should be fervent, and come from a righteous heart that is in full relationship with God ([James 5:16](#)).

Effectual prayer is prayer in an attitude of fellowship and agreement with God's will. When we pray "Thy will be done" in specific areas of need, God not only changes us but He uses our prayers for it is the power behind His armor. "Pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints." ([Ephesians 6:18](#)).



**PLEASE REMEMBER  
THESE FRIENDS IN  
PRAYER**

*Now that "hard work" has been made easier, please Be A Friend to these WELS missionaries, who have been adopted by your sisters in Christ of the Beaver Dam Circuit of LWMS under the Befriend A Mission Program. They'd love to hear from you, but most of all, they need your prayers:*

**Matt & Emily Rothe & Family**  
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**Missionaries are among the many gifts  
God gives to us.  
Handle them with prayer!**



# September is Befriend A Mission Month at St. John's!

PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE 2024-2025 MISSION PROJECTS!



Did you know that every year mission projects are adopted by our St. John's Little Lambs, by CALA, by our St. John's Sunday School children, and by the (LWMS) Lutheran Women's Missionary Society? During September Befriend A Mission (BAM) month, a mission display at St. John's will highlight these projects, and BAM month activities encourage *your* participation! Everyone can support missions with their prayers, encouragement, and giving. *Please pray for this year's projects:*

**2024-2025 Kids C.A.R.E. project – Antigua: St. John's Church & School – adopted by LL, CALA, & St. John's Sunday School.** This is the 20th anniversary of kids c.a.r.e. and the 14<sup>th</sup> year that our kids have participated in this LWMS sponsored

program. St. John's School in Antigua began in August 1974 and currently serves children in preschool through Grade 6, with two classes at each grade level. The school is a part of the ministry and mission outreach of St. John's Lutheran Church, Antigua, a home mission congregation of WELS. Church, school, and parents partner to prepare children for eternity and a life of service in an atmosphere built on God's Word. Gifts will provide general support to the church and school as they reach out with the gospel to the children & families they serve.

**Tentative second semester LL & CALA mission project will be Home Mission Project: 100 Missions in 10 Years.** In 2021, synod convention delegates approved an ambitious new goal that allows WELS Home



Missions to plant 100 new home mission churches and enhance 75 existing ministries from 2023–2033. Our Savior directs us to reach more souls with his good news. This initiative isn't as much about planting more churches as it is about sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Home Missions previously funded about six new home missions and three ministry enhancements per year. Gifts will help WELS increase the number of new starts and enhancements approved each year to meet the goal.

**St. John's Sunday School is also supporting Winnebago Lutheran Academy (WLA) our area**



**Lutheran High School during its 100 Year Anniversary.** The goal is to collect \$100 for the WLA Building Project as well as collect 100 gently-used, non-clothing items to donate to WLA's Second Impressions Thrift

Store.

**The Beaver Dam Circuit of the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society, to which St. John's and**



2024-2025



**Antigua:  
St. John's Church & School**

Home Mission Project #HM-2024-14: Aid to Caribbean - Antigua

*"See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him."  
1 John 3:1*



**Emmanuel belong, support one home mission and one world mission each year with their spring and fall mission offerings.** Gifts from any member of the parish are always welcome!



**The current home mission project for LWMS is Campus Ministry.** Students on our college campuses are often faced with many new choices, not all God-pleasing. During their college years, students are often living away from home for the first time; it is critical for them to have guidance from God's Word that is both meaningful and practical for daily living. The Campus Ministry Committee (CMC) provides resources, support, and encouragement to WELS congregations that serve college students around the United States and Canada. One of the main ways the CMC assists congregations is by maintaining a synod-wide database of college students to help campus pastors reach and serve students while they are at college. The CMC also provides materials for campus pastors and congregations, funding for new ministry initiatives and ongoing ministries, counsel to ministries requesting

assistance, and opportunities for campus pastors to grow spiritually and to network ideas through regular staff conferences. Gifts will help assist campus pastors and congregations reach out and serve these young people on college campuses with the Word of God.

**The current world mission project for LWMS is Native American Missions.** WELS Native American Missions are currently located on the Fort Apache and San Carlos Apache Reservations in eastern Arizona. Between the two reservations, there are eight churches, one preaching station, and two Lutheran schools. Four world missionaries, two Apache pastors, and one Apache evangelist currently serve on the Apache Reservations in addition to the two teaching staffs. Apache Christians want to share Christ's love with more people

on their own reservations and even into other tribes. Apache Lutheran leaders have connections with different Native American tribes and are ready to reach out with the saving message of the gospel to the more than 500 reservations scattered across North America. Gifts will support the following projects and others as needed: • Exploratory visits and online outreach into new Native American tribes • Materials for outreach, Sunday schools, youth ministry, small group Bible studies and support groups, grief counseling, addiction recovery ministries, and more • Property repairs and renovations at the churches, schools, parsonages, and teacherages • Continuing education for the pastor



**Please pray for these projects** as you have your personal or family devotions. Your prayers may be the most valuable support you can give to mission work and those who carry it out. You may never meet the missionaries who go on your behalf to faraway places, but you can and should lift them up regularly in your prayers.

*Be joyful always;  
pray continually;  
give thanks in all circumstances,  
for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."  
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*





## Being Built Into a Spiritual House

### Attendance

- ❖ Registered attendees: 969 + 49 weekend only attendees. That makes an amazing, maxed-out, capacity-busting total of 1,018 mission supporters!
- ❖ Number of circuits represented: 58 of 60. Circuits, start practicing your roll call antics for next year!
- ❖ Current membership: 791 congregations and 16 individuals
- ❖ Opening Service attendance number: 1062
- ❖ Closing Service attendance numbers: 982
- ❖ Send One Sisters: 25
- ❖ First-time attendees: 164

### Mission Presentations

- ❖ *"Build On; Build Up, Build Out"* by Rev. Craig Wilke, Sure Foundation, Brandon, South Dakota
- ❖ *"The Antidote to Secular Life"* by Rev. Conifer Berg, London, England
- ❖ *"Make Hay While the Sun Shines!"* by Rev. Brian Schmidt, West Des Moines, Iowa
- ❖ *"Living Stones"* by Rev. John Holtz, Native Christians Network

### Worship Leaders

- ❖ Thursday evening opening worship – Preacher: Rev. Jonathan Schroeder, World Missions Board Chairman ~ Presiding Minister: Rev. Paul Meier, LWMS Pastoral Advisor
- ❖ Friday morning devotion – Rev. Benjamin Tomczak, Sioux Falls, South Dakota
- ❖ Friday afternoon devotion – Rev. Michael Enderle, Clear Lake and Estelline, South Dakota
- ❖ Saturday morning devotion – Rev. Jonathan Werre, Sioux Falls, South Dakota
- ❖ Saturday afternoon devotion – Rev. Ken Brokmeier, Brookings, South Dakota
- ❖ Closing worship service – Preacher: Rev. Ben Foxen, One Africa Team ~ Presiding Minister: Rev. Allen Kirschbaum, LWMS Pastoral Advisor

### Workshops

- ❖ *The Impact of Indigenous Art and Music on Missions* by Dr. Terry Schultz, Multi-Language Productions
- ❖ *Trends in Engaging Your Community* by Rev. Mark Birkholz, Mission Counselor
- ❖ *Navigating Changes with an Unchanging God* by Rev. Ben Foxen, One Africa Team
- ❖ *The Real Missionary Wives* featuring Anna Bartsch, Connie Bey, Rebekah Foxen, and Sue Rieke
- ❖ *"The Lord is with you, mighty warrior"* – *Church Planting in Boston* by Rev. Joshua and Katelyn Koelpin

### Business Meeting

174 delegates decided unanimously: the LWMS Awareness Committee is now recognized as a regular standing committee!

### Thank you to outgoing officers:

Secretary Mary Jo Barnes  
Pastoral Advisor Paul Meier

### **Present Officers 2024-2025**

President Jacky Stoll, Oconto Falls, Wisconsin

President-elect Melinda Sims, Columbus, Ohio

Vice President Pat Miragliuolo, Amherst, New Hampshire

Secretary Betty Raymond, Ethan, South Dakota

Treasurer Melissa Bender, Watertown, South Dakota

Spiritual Growth-Mission Awareness Coordinator Linden Georgson, St. Louis, Missouri

Communications Coordinator Wendy Wright, Joplin, Missouri

Pastoral Advisor Rev. Allen Kirschbaum, Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin

Pastoral Advisor Rev. Jeremy Cares, Midlothian, Texas

**Seventy-one mission flags were presented on Friday morning, including new flags from Australia, New Zealand, and Senegal.**

### **kids c.a.r.e.**

One of the most fun highlights of Convention was the "countdown" for the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of kids c.a.r.e.! Teddy bears, beach balls, and a couple of very energetic pastors gave us an especially memorable (and interactive) convention moment!

### **Mission Projects Selected**

Project #HM-2022-02: Equipment Fund

Project #WM-2022-25: Native American Special Projects

### **Worship Service Offerings**

\$69,814. Wow!

\*Service offerings will be collected until July 15, 2024.

### **Future Convention Sites**

2025: We'll see you in Tulsa, Oklahoma

2026: Here's a clue: This city named after a U.S. president is situated between two beautiful lakes and is well-known for its bicycle culture, beautiful buildings, and *badgers*.

Would you and your circuit like to host a future convention? We would love to help you make that happen. Contact the LWMS President for more information about hosting a convention or see the [Hosting a Convention](#) page.



## St. John's-Montello Women Attend LWMS Convention in Sioux Falls, South Dakota



Four St. John's-Montello women—LuAnn Zieman, Kay Maass, Amber Kath (1st time attendee and Beaver Dam Circuit Send One Sister stipend recipient), & Linda Wachholz—joined 1,018 mission supporters to attend the 61st Annual Lutheran Women's Missionary Society (LWMS) Convention held in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, June 27 through June 30, 2024. Members from nearly 800 Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) and Evangelical Lutheran Synod congregations met at this annual event for mission support, spiritual renewal, inspiration, and fellowship.

This year's convention theme was "Being Built into A Spiritual House." Attendees learned about the expanding outreach by One Europe and Native Christians Network mission teams. Home missionaries shared their experiences with outreach in Brandon, South Dakota (Kay & Linda participated in a Mission Journey canvassing project by this home mission on the day preceding the start of the convention.), and West Des Moines, Iowa.

Seventy-one mission flags were presented on Friday morning, including new flags from Australia, New Zealand, and Senegal. The flags represent the countries in which WELS has a mission presence or offers mission support.



Workshops included “The Impact of Indigenous Art and Music on Missions,” “Trends in Engaging Your Community,” “Navigating Changes with an Unchanging God,” “The Real Missionary Wives—A Panel of Current and Former Missionary Wives,” and a special Zoom presentation: “The Lord is with you, mighty warrior” from the WELS missionary in Boston, Massachusetts.

Convention highlights included the presentation of over \$143,000.00 to home and world mission administration projects chosen by ballot—Home Mission Equipment Fund, World Mission Native American Special Projects, and Kids C.A.R.E. Missionary Kid Retreat Project—and collected as mission offerings from LWMS women and WELS children across the country during the past year. In addition, worship offerings at the opening and closing convention services are expected to exceed \$70,000.00 when collection ends in mid-July and will go to these home and world mission projects--HM 100 Missions in 10 Years & WM Europe Special Projects. Home & World Mission Administrators, Mark Gabb & Larry Schlomer respectively, presented power points highlighting the latest developments in WELS missions.

Attendees had an opportunity to meet and talk with missionaries, view and purchase mission crafts, and enjoy a banquet following by the annual Board of Directors skit, an invitational skit by the host committee for the 2025 convention in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and comedic & musical entertainment by The Divers.

*The 62nd Annual LWMS Convention will be held in Tulsa, Oklahoma, on June 26-29, 2025, hosted by the Mid-America Circuit, under the theme “Sowing the Seeds of Faith.”*

LWMS is women dedicated to serving Jesus by increasing awareness of, interest in, and support of the mission outreach of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS).

# Scenes from the 2024 LWMS Convention!



**62nd Annual LWMS Convention**  
*Missed the 62nd Annual LWMS Convention video announcement?*  
Find it here, and make plans for 2025!

62nd Convention







**COME TO THE FALL RALLY  
of the  
BEAVER DAM CIRCUIT OF LWMS**

**!!NEW DATE!!**

**Saturday, October 12, 2024**

**St John's Lutheran Church-Fox Lake**

**110 Edgelawn Drive**

**Cohosts: Trinity-Friesland and Grace-Dalton**

**Theme: Reflecting the Lord's Compassion through Word and Action**

**Mark 6:34** *"When Jesus stepped out of the boat, He saw a large crowd.*

*His heart went out to them because they were like sheep without a shepherd.*

*He began to teach them many things."*



**Speaker:** Jessie Langr, Designer  
for Thai Village, Inc., Chiang Mai,  
Thailand

**Service Project:** Monetary  
Collection and Craft Sale  
proceeds to Thai Village

**Rally Offering:** Asia One Project



**Schedule:**

9:30 a.m. Registration	11:45 a.m. Lunch
9:45 a.m. Reporter Meeting	12:40 p.m. Devotion & Offering
10:15 a.m. Rally Opens	1:00 p.m. Speaker
10:25 a.m. Bible Study	2:00 p.m. Rally Summation
11:10 a.m. Business Meeting	2:10 p.m. Closing

**The women of the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society are "cheerleaders" for WELS Missions, supporting missions/missionaries with prayer, encouragement, and gifts!**

**See you in Fox Lake!**



# MISSION FESTIVAL & EVANGELISM SUNDAY

Sponsored by St. John's Evangelism/Outreach Committee & LWMS

## SEPTEMBER 29, 2024

***"Don't you have a saying, 'It's still four months until harvest'? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest." John 4:35***

EMMANUAL WORSHIP 8 A.M.  
ST. JOHN'S WORSHIP 10 A.M.  
MISSION FESTIVAL CELEBRATION MEAL  
AT ST. JOHN'S 11:30 A.M.

A HEART  
for the  
HARVEST

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They are ripe for harvest."

JOHN 4:35



CHRIST'S  
LOVE  
COMPELS US.  
3 Cor 5:14



The Mission Festival guest preacher will be Pastor Doug Tomhave, Chairman for the Commission on Evangelism. Pastor Tomhave is a former home missionary and also a former advisor for the International Lutheran Women's Missionary Society.

After the St. John's service, members of the Evangelism/Outreach Committee will make a brief presentation.

Then St. John's LWMS invites you to a celebration meal at approximately 11:30 a.m. Your freewill offering will support the WELS Home Mission project--Campus Ministry and the WELS World Mission project--Native American Missions.

# JOIN US... KICKOFF WEEKEND

Bring A Chair and Join Us For this  
FREE Concert

On The Ball Diamond Located At  
St. Johns Lutheran  
313 E Montello Street, Montello

CONCERT ON  
THE BALL DIAMOND

**Saturday**  
**September 7, 2024**  
6:00pm



**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8**  
JOIN US AS WE KICKOFF THE FALL SESSION

10:00 AM Worship @ City Park

11:00 AM Cookout lunch, bags tournament  
& Fun

For more information  
[stjohnsmontello.org](http://stjohnsmontello.org) or 608-297-2866

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# BAGS TOURNAMENT

SEPTEMBER 8  
@ MONTELLO CITY PARK  
FOLLOWING 10:00 OUTDOOR SERVICE

**\$10/TEAM**  
(REGISTRATION GOES TOWARDS TUITION ASSISTANCE)

Calling all bags throwers! It's time to gear up and get ready for our 2nd annual bags tournament. Whether you're an experienced player or new to the game, this tournament is for you. Grab a partner and sign up today!

**REGISTER NOW**

Via Google Form or Call:  
**608.297.2866**

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Sign up your bags tournament team today at: <https://forms.gle/r2XYyfKwX5tvuQLS6>

GriefShare will be starting up again soon.

Green Lake: Sept. 9 at 6pm;

Princeton: Sept. 10 at 6pm;

Montello: Sept. 12 at 6pm.

Please contact Mark Emond at 608-697-1600  
for information and if you plan to attend. Thank you!



**Men's Breakfast & Study Club  
Saturday, September 21, 8am  
St. John's Lower Level**

**We will be continuing our study  
"Light in the Dark" series by Luke Thompson,  
where we are learning how our Bible  
was preserved by God throughout the ages.**

**Menu: Eggs in a nest, coffee, milk, OJ, dunkers**

**Men of all ages welcome!!  
Dad's welcome to bring their kids!!!**



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